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TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY FOR 1887.

Annual meeting of the American Geographical Society, held at Chickering Hall, Tuesday, January 11, 1887, at 8 o'clock P.M.

Ex-Chief Justice Daly in the chair.

On motion, duly seconded, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society :

Lloyd Phoenix, Andrew J. C. Foyé, J. Wall Wilson, William H. Wisner, William Augustus White, Alfred T. White, Jefferson Clark, Clarence L. Westcott, Prof. Thos. S. Hastings, D.D., Rev. Joseph F. Sutton, D.D., G. S. Huntington, M.D., Julian Le Roy White, Robert Schell, Charles T. Wing, E. A. de Lima, William Fellows Morgan, Horace Brightman, Hubbard W. Mitchell, M.D., Lisenard Stewart, Geo. W. Van Slyck, R. H. Robertson, G. G. Wheelock, M.D., Henry White, L. H. Babcock, Frederic Goodridge, Francis M. Weld, Chas. H. Voorhees, M.D., Daniel Lord, Jr., Horace Irving Brightman, James R. Ely, Walter Hinchman.

Messrs. Jules Leclercq, of Brussels, Belgium ; John Fred. Heyes, of Oxford, England ; and Willis E. Everette, of Portland, Oregon, were elected Corresponding Members.

The annual report of the Council was then presented, and read by Mr. W. H. H. Moore, as follows :

New York, January 11, 1887. Since the last annual report seven regular meetings of the Society and nine stated meetings of the Council have been held.

At the annual meeting, held on Tuesday, January 12, 1886, Mr. Ernest Ingersoll delivered a lecture entitled "Mountaineering in British America."

On the 10th of February, Dr. B. B. Simmons, formerly medical

adviser of the Japanese government, delivered an address on "The Social Status of the Women of Japan."

On the 18th of March, General R. E. Colston, formerly of the Egyptian Army, read a paper on "The War in the Soudan for the Rescue of Gordon."

On the 12th of April, Mr. James Douglas delivered a lecture on "Transcontinental Railways."

On the 8th of October, Commander H. C. Taylor, of the United States Navy, read a paper on the "Nicaragua Canal."

On the 18th of November the Rev. George E. Ellis, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, read a paper on the "Hudson Bay Company, 1670-1870."

On the 22d of December, Prof. F. A. Ober delivered a lecture on "Florida and the West Indies."

All these lectures were illustrated by stereopticon views.

In October, 1886, the Council leased the property of the Society on the Boulevard, between One Hundred and Fiftieth and One Hundred and Fifty-first streets, to the Hebrew Sheltering Guardian Society, for twenty-one years, from the 1st of November, 1886, for a gross rental of \$86,750, with the privilege of two renewals, taxes and repairs to be paid by the lessee, with the option of purchasing the property for \$90,000, provided said option be exercised within ten years.

The annual report of the Treasurer, Mr. Walter R. T. Jones, shows a balance to the credit of the general fund of \$1,346.15.

During the summer of 1886 the volumes of the *Journal* for the years 1882, 1883, and 1884 were completed, and the final *Bulletins* for those years were duly distributed to the Fellows, and to the societies, at home and abroad, which exchange publications with the American Geographical Society.

The additions to the library and map-room amount to 3,938, viz.: 243 bound volumes, 3,412 pamphlets, and 283 maps and charts.

The Council begs to congratulate the Society upon increasing prosperity in all its departments. Its membership is rapidly growing in numbers and importance, and in no period since its formation have a greater willingness and desire been manifested to join its Fellowship and to consult its library and collections. The *Journal* and *Bulletins*, now edited under the supervision of the Commit-

tee, contain bibliographical and critical notes by the librarian, which are frequently inquired for by students and scholars.

The Council is pleased to state that a reasonable certainty exists that, when the library and the maps shall have outgrown their present accommodations, an ample fire-proof building will be in readiness to receive them.

WILLIAM REMSEN,
Chairman of Council.

The Nominating Committee then presented the following report :

To the American Geographical Society :

The Nominating Committee, appointed to elect officers to fill vacancies, under resolution of the Society, passed at its meeting, December 22, 1886, respectfully report the selection of the following nominees for election, in accordance with Chapter V., Section 2, of the By-laws :

For President—Charles P. Daly, LL. D., term to expire January, 1888.

For Vice-President—Francis A. Stout, Esq., term to expire January, 1890.

For Domestic Corresponding Secretary—James Mühlenberg Bailey, Esq., term to expire January, 1890.

For Treasurer—Walter R. Jones, Esq., term to expire January, 1888.

For Councillors—William Remsen, John A. Hadden, Harlow M. Hoyt, Clarence King, and Robert Lenox Kennedy ; terms to expire January, 1890.

(Signed)

N. P. BAILEY, *Chairman*,
CLINTON ROOSEVELT,
HENRY W. DUNSHEE,

Nominating Committee.

NEW YORK, January 11, 1887.

On motion of Judge C. A. Peabody, duly seconded, Mr. N. M. Beckwith was appointed to cast the vote of the Society for the nominees, and they were then declared duly elected.

Judge Daly then introduced to the Society the distinguished English naturalist, Mr. Alfred Russel Wallace, who delivered a lecture on "Oceanic Islands : their Physical and Biological Relations." The lecture was illustrated by diagrams.

A vote of thanks was passed to the speaker, and the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of February 21, 1887, held at Chickering Hall.

President DALY took the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

William L. Malcolm, Frederick M. Littlefield, Alberto Verastigui, William Turnbull, Jas. B. M. Grosvenor, Charles E. Gilbert, M.D., A. Seessel, M.D., James D. Hague, J. J. Van Alen, Jas. Francis Ruggles, Andrew J. White, Robert I. Brown, Stephen Wilcox, Ion Perdicaris, John H. Kneeland, Wyllys G. Peaslee, G. Langmann, M.D., Robt. George Remsen, James Whitely, Dr. S. H. Hurd, Caleb B. Knevals.

President Daly then introduced the speaker of the evening, the Hon. Clarence Pullen, who delivered a lecture on "New Mexico : its Geography, Scenes, and Peoples."

At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks to the speaker, moved by Judge L. Birdseye, of Brooklyn, was unanimously passed.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

Meeting of March 15, 1887, held at Chickering Hall.

Gen. GEO. W. CULLUM, U. S. A., Vice-President, in the chair.

It was voted, on motion, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen, who were recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Lt. J. Edward Sawyer, John Dickson, Dr. Franz Boas, Lucien H. Bigelow, J. Leslie Oldham, Alex. D. Keyes, Homer Lee, Alfred C. Cheney, Ed. Holbrook, Wm. H. Eckert, David A. Tower, John Van Alst Brower.

Gen. Cullum then introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. F. S. Dellenbaugh, who delivered an address on his "Exploration of the Grand Cañon of the Colorado." A vote of thanks to the speaker, moved by Gen. Viele, was passed, and the Society then, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of April 15, 1887, held at Chickering Hall.

The Rev. ROSWELL D. HITCHCOCK, D.D., Vice-President, in the chair.

On motion, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen, whose names were reported by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

James Quinlan, Wm. C. Brown, Franklin S. Smith, Charles N. Talbot, Lt. J. J. Hunker, U. S. A., John N. Neele.

Dr. Hitchcock then introduced to the Society the Rev. Francis Brown, the speaker of the evening, who read a lecture on "Recent Explorations in Egypt."

At the close of the lecture the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of October 20, 1887, held at Chickering Hall.

Vice-President Gen. GEO. W. CULLUM, U. S. A., in the chair.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The following gentlemen, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Rev. T. S. Cartwright, Morris F. Knudson, Prof. E. N. Horsford, Russell Dart, Mordaunt Bodine.

Gen. Cullum then introduced to the Society Dr. F. Boas, who delivered a lecture on his experiences in "A Year with the Eskimos."

At the conclusion of the lecture the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of November 23, 1887, held at Chickering Hall.

CHAS. P. DALY, LL.D., President, took the chair.

It was voted, on motion, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The following gentlemen, whose names were submitted by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

Frederick A. Booth, Wm. B. Ogden, Timothy Field Allen, Dewitt J. Seligman, Charles M. Berrian, George B. de Forest, Louis Fitzgerald, James B. Hunter, M.D., W. Brenton Welling, Augustus S. Jenkins, Wm. L. Andrews, Leonard A. Bradley, Anthony Comstock, E. H. Friedrichs, Henri Pène du Bois, Dr. W. F. Davenport.

President Daly then introduced to the Society the speaker of the evening, Dr. Eustace W. Fisher, who delivered an address on "India."

At the conclusion of the address, the Society, on motion, adjourned.

Meeting of December 14, 1887, held at Chickering Hall.

Gen. EGBERT L. VIELE in the chair.

It was voted, on motion, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

The following gentlemen, recommended by the Council, were elected Fellows of the Society :

James R. Doudge, Glover C. Arnold, M.D., Hector de Castro, George J. Gould, David B. Ivison, Melville Egleston, John N. A. Griswold, S. B. Elkins, John Gelston Floyd, George T. Knight, Gordon Fellows, Gustav H. Gossler, Alfred L. Loomis, M.D., Isaac A. Macy, Henry Cabot Lodge, Warwick E. Montgomery, Franklin W. Moulton, Henry W. T. Mali, Alexander B. Mott, M.D., George A. Peters, M.D., Daniel Putney, William H. Parsons, Henry Rice, Henry M. Lester, George T. Stevens, James M. Donald, George Wm. Curtis, Timothy C. Eastman, John Bentley, Josiah Belden, George F. Hodgman, Alfred C. Dodman, Samuel Inslee, Theodore D. Howell, Dr. Alfred Meyer, James K. Hill, John W. Lovell, Wm. C. Noyes, P. J. McCourt, M.D., Alexander L. Morton, J. W. Mack, Walter S. Logan, N. L. McCready, Hon. George Hoadly, Frederick Pearson, George W. Stetson, George P. Rowell, Hon. J. Hampden Robb, T. G. Sellew, John Jay Knox, Gen. Edward W. Serrell, Thomas E. Satterthwaite, John T. Metcalfe, M.D., William Kevan, Sanford R. Ten Eyck, Courtlandt Palmer, Henry V. Parsell, Sr., Howard Townsend, Hamilton R. Fairfax, Austin Stickney, Samuel T. Peters, George E. Sterry, John C. Barrow, M.D., Conrad Braker, Jr., Richard Somers Hayes, Clement Cleveland, M.D., T. S. Robertson, M.D., F. F. Thompson, John D. Archbold, Daniel P. Read, S. K. Satterlee, Robt. C. Alexander, Henry Talmadge, A. Howard Hopping, Archibald Rogers, A. E. Conover, H. W. Carmon, Nathaniel S. Smith, Philip R. Voorhees, James Rufus Smith, John G. Shorthall, Wm. J. A. Cranitch, Henry J. Barbey, George H. Bend, A. T. Compton.

Mr. J. Mühlenberg Bailey then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That a Committee of Three be appointed by the President of this Society to nominate Officers and Members of the Council to be elected at the annual meeting to be held in January next.”

Mr. Elial F. Hall then read the following resolutions, which were submitted to the Society and, on motion, unanimously adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That in the decease of James Carson Brevoort this Society mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished and useful members and officers. His valuable contributions to the solution of important problems of geography and history, his familiarity with the progress of exploration and discovery, his attainments as a scholar, his enthusiasm as a student, his diligence and industry as a worker in the field of science, and his trustworthiness as an adviser and counsellor in matters in which we are specially interested, as well as his other qualities of mind and heart, which endeared him to a large circle of friends, will ever be treasured in affectionate remembrance by his associates in this Society.

“ *Resolved*, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family of the deceased, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them by the Secretary.”

Gen. Viele then introduced the speaker of the evening, Prof. F. A. Ober, who delivered an address on “The Ancient Cities of America and the Evidences of Early Civilization.”

At the close of the address the Society, on motion, adjourned.